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SUBJ: LEVEL OF VIOLENCE RISES PERCEPTIBLY

1. SUMMARY: ACTS OF VIOLENCE SEEM TO BE ON INCREASE
THROUGHOUT ARGENTINA. POLICE AND OFFICES OF PERONIST YOUTH
AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ARE FAVORITE TARGETS.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL COMMON CRIMES MOTIVATED BY
PASSION OR MONEY, ACTS OF VIOLENCE ARE AGAIN ON UPSWING. THEY
CAN BE BROKEN DOWN ROUGHLY INTO THREE GROUPS:

A. ACTS AGAINST POLICE. THESE TAKE THE FORM OF
DISARMING POLICEMEN OR SIMPLY KILLING THEM AND MAKING OFF
WITH THEIR WEAPONS. THE HEAD OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF
FEDERAL POLICE WAS SHOT DEAD ON OCT 4. A PHONE CALL, ALLEGEDLY
FROM ERP, LATER CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACT.

B. ACTS AGAINST OFFICES OF VARIOUS PERONIST YOUTH
AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. THESE HAVE INCREASED MARKEDLY SINCE
RECENT RUCCI AND GRINBERG KILLINGS AND CONSIST OF BOMB

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ATTACKS OR MACHINE GUNNING OF OFFICES OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS.

C. POLICE SHOOTOUTS, ALLEGEDLY WITH CRIMINALS, PARTICULARLY KIDNAPPERS. IN THIS CATEGORY, THERE HAVE BEEN AN UNUSUAL NUMBER OF DETAINEES KILLED "WHILE RESISTING ARREST". WORD IS OUT THAT LEY DE FUGA IS AGAIN IN FORCE.

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIRST TWO TYPES IS DIFFICULT TO ASSIGN PARTICULARLY SINCE POLICE ARE HAVING LIMITED SUCCESS IN COMBATING THEM. THE MOST LIKELY PERPETRATORS OF FIRST TYPE ARE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR ERP. THE OUTLAWING OF ERP (SEE BA 7046) AND HARDLINE REPRESENTED BY NEW BA POLICE CHIEF INIGUEZ WILL DO NOTHING TO REDUCE THESE TYPES OF CONFRONTATIONS. (COMMENT: MANY OF THESE ACTIONS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO PEOPLE CAMPORA GRANTED AMNESTY TO BACK IN MAY.)

4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECOND TYPE MOST LIKELY RESTS WITH WARRING FACTIONS OF PERONISM, WITH FAP, FAR AND MONTONEROS ON ONE SIDE AND LABOR UNION TYPES ON OTHER. PERON WILL HOLD A MEETING ON OCT 6 WITH LEADERS FROM YOUTH AND UNION SECTORS. WHETHER PERON CAN CONVINCE BOTH SIDES TO END HOSTILITIES REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
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